

### ISG newsletter October 2023

As stated in the September ISG Newsletter, Prof Ian Phimister will be on a year's sabbatical in Britain starting in November. This will be his first sabbatical since he joined the university in 2012. We wish him well on this deserved break.

As usual, it has been a busy month, with two seminar presentations, a Stanley Trapido session presented by Jennifer Chansa, and a Rambler's meeting delivered by Priscillah Machinga. Focussing on two central African countries, Zambia and Zimbabwe, the presentations covered different topics in the fields of environmental history and history of health care – the former examined the consequences of mining developments on environmental regulations in Zambia between 2011 and 2022, and the latter focussed on maternal health care, childbirth and indigenous midwifery in postcolonial Zimbabwe from 1980 to 2023. Chaired By Rebecca Swatz and Max Hufschmidt, the presentations provoked lively discussion.

The achievements listed below encompass two journal articles, a visiting scholarship, a grant award, promotions, an appointment for editorship, and a book launch.

Congratulations to Kate Law, George Bishi and Duncan Money for their recent publications. Kate's article 'Women's Activism in the British Anti-Apartheid Movement, 1986–1994' was recently published in *The Historical Journal*. George and Duncan's article 'Daisyfield in the crucible: Afrikaners, education and poor whites in Southern Rhodesia, 1911–1948' was published in the special issue of the journal *Settler Colonial Studies*. In addition, congratulations to Rebecca Swartz, who is one of the guest editors of the special issue.

Congratulations to Jodie Sun, who will be a visiting scholar at the Centre for Africa Studies at Stanford University, United States of America. Jodie will mainly conduct research about the Afro-Asian networks and the Cold War, as well as teach a course on the history of China-Africa relations. Jodie also won a research grant that will be used to fund an international conference to take place next year in Shanghai, China.

Congratulations to Bryson Nkhoma and Ana Stevenson on their recent promotions. Bryson has been appointed to full Professor of History at Mzuzu University, Malawi, while Ana was recently appointed Associate Head (Research) in her department at the University of Southern Queensland, Australia.

Congratulations to Geraldine Sibanda for being appointed as a review editor for H-Diplo.

Last but not the least, congratulations to Danelle van Zyl-Herman on launching the Southern African edition of the book *Privileged Precariat: White Workers and South Africa's Long Transition to Majority Rule* – locally published by the University of KwaZulu Natal. Lindie Koorts ably chaired the book launch.

Very well done, all of you, for the above achievements.

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